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The Postal Service's decision to close our post office and provide rural delivery service raises questions concerning the sanctity of the mail and the risks involved in the handling of mail by non-career employees. We also foresee inconveniences in purchasing money orders and stamps, and sending accountable mail. We have the same concerns regarding the receipt of accountable mail, such as certified letters, registered letters and CODs.

The Postal Service's decision to consolidate our post office with another post office is being done over our objections. This will mean the loss of our identity as a community. We will not have a postmaster to whom we can take our problems, complaints and compliments. We will be directed to a distant postmaster in the home office of our station.

We cannot see any savings to the Postal Service under this arrangement. The clerk in charge of the station will be earning as much as our postmaster and, more than likely, will not be a resident of our community.

We feel that, as citizens of the United States, we are entitled to the same efficient postal service provided to our counterparts in urban areas. The Postal Reorganization Act is explicit in pointing this out. We petition you, as members of the Postal Regulatory Commission, to respectfully consider our protest and order the Postal Service to give additional considerations to our service needs.

Respectfully, - *Nelene Earlene Cannon*
3749 N. Hwy 100 Rd N
Box 16
Ida Ar 72546

We have had our town meeting with Postal officials March 10th concerning our post office at Ida. We felt the officials that came to our community were of no help to us and failed to see our needs, they failed to answer our questions, and the things they suggested would be just as good as our Post office, would only put a greater burden on the people and more expense and time to travel to another community to do postal business. Our meeting was scheduled 5:30-7:00 PM. At 6:30 - Patti Robinson (speaker for Postal Service) said it was time.
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to Close and left approximately 100 people from
the Ida Community waiting to ask questions, we did
not appreciate them leaving when we had time left. She
is not helping people at all. We realize their needs
to be changes in the postal service, but if the small
offices use ~~only~~ 7% of 1% of the total postal budget, why
do you not concentrate on the 99%. Rural America
provides the food you eat and the clothes you wear.
The people in our community raise beef and poultry. (Cotton)
The ones that have retired did the same before us. We
need our post office in our community to do our postal
business, we that work don't have time to drive miles
to do our postal business in another town. The ones
that are retired are not well enough physically or
financially able to go very far. What is this going to do
to our communities that depend on our post office. The
Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 says we do not have to
be self sustaining to have a post office in our community.
In the process of your closing rural offices, you are
killing rural communities, our identity, and our
lively hood. Please remember we are real people with
real needs - not numbers. Please let us keep our
Ida Post office!

Respectfully,
Nelson D. Harrison, Chairman



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Postal Service Facts, Not Myths

Myths about the Postal Service fly fast and far these days. Some of these myths make it into print and can morph from pure myth to perceived reality. For instance, you may have heard that there are 36,000 post offices in the United States, which are more retail outlets than Walmart, Starbucks and McDonald's combined. In addition, many of these post offices are labeled as "money losers." These statements, made more to shock than to inform, are not accurate. Let's look at the facts.

First, a post office much more than a retail outlet. While post offices have some retail function, usually they are the final distribution point out of which the Postal Service's carrier force operates, and most Postmasters spend most of their time managing carriers, not retail employees. Thus, one can't completely close down the delivery functions of a post office without modifying the delivery system—unless you want the delivery system to grind to a halt. Many of the postal critics don't take this into account when they talk about how much post offices "cost" and push for closing more post offices.

Second, there are not 36,000 post offices but 27,000 and many of those are in rural areas. With 3,537,438 square miles in the United States to cover, that is one distribution point for every 131 square miles in the U.S. Is that really excessive?

Third, some have said that 80 percent of post offices lose money. Even if it were right (and it's not), the figure doesn't mean anything. That is because the revenue generated from the largest part of our mail, commercial mail, is credited to the post office where the mail is entered and not to the post office whose carriers end up delivering that mail. That's right, under USPS' cost accounting system, *all* of the final costs of delivering the mail in a post office's area are included in the costs of the delivering post office—but none of the associated revenue is allocated to that post office.

Of course, the delivery post office loses money. How could it not, when it bears all the final delivery costs but gets none of the associated income?

Oh, that 80 percent figure? It's understated. As the Postal Service recently told the Postal Regulatory Commission, 92.5 percent of post offices lose money.

Only 2,205 post offices are "profitable" and those 2,205 just happen to have the income of some big mailer credited there—even though the cost of delivering that mail is shared by post offices across the country. If you want to make more post offices profitable, just change the cost accounting system so that revenues are properly allocated to post offices.

Now I need make an important distinction. What I just described applies to our nation's cities and suburbs. Rural areas are different. There, small post offices do exist that have few carriers and little revenue. These post offices—the smallest 10,000 post offices—by any cost accounting system often are not "profitable." However, together, these post offices cost less than 1 percent of the Postal Service's budget, and, therefore have no effect on 99 percent of the Postal Service's finances. They are, however, a critical part of the delivery system that allows us to deliver to every rural household every day.

Moreover, their role is much different than a post office in an urban or suburban environment. In addition to their postal function, they play other critical roles in their rural community, including acting as the face of the federal government, functioning as a community center, cashing checks and issuing money orders, and serving as the focal point for that community's identity. Congress has made it somewhat harder to close these small post offices, but that is the way it should be for once a small rural town loses its post office, that town often shrivels up and dies. Their cost to the Postal Service is negligible, and the benefit to the Americans they serve is priceless.

We cannot put rural America and universal service in jeopardy with so little to gain and so much to lose without knowing the facts. The small rural town has as much right to a constitutionally authorized post office as does urban America.

Decisions about the Postal Service need to be based on fact, not myth.

Mark Strong, President,
National League of
Postmasters, and also the
Postmaster of Sun City AZ.

David Camp, District Manager
Customer Service and Sales
United States Postal Service
420 Natural Resources Dr.
Little Rock, AR 72205-9651

Dear Sir:

We, the citizens and customers of the Ida Post Office hereby protest any change in the present status of our post office.

It is our desire to retain our post office at its present status - a United States post office operated by a postmaster and career postal employees.

"We have many concerns, among them the sanctity of the mail and inconvenience your proposal presents to us in delivering and sending the mail, particularly accountable mail. We are especially concerned over what effect your proposed action would have regarding the purchase of postal money orders. We are also well aware of the documented abuses possible through a contract mail station.

The Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 calls for providing a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to rural areas, communities and small towns where post offices are not financially self-sustaining.

We do not feel your proposals meet these criteria.

Sincerely,

Committee to Save Our Post Office and Customers of the Ida Post Office:

Melen Cannon
Barbara Cannon
Jack Fletcher
Linda Fletcher
James L Hendrix
Glen L Hendrix
Gary Kary
Charlotta Lacy

Harold Dan Lacy } 3819
 Maxine Lacy } 0
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 Jim Lacy } 427
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 Shirley Lacy } 205
 Wilma Lacy } 205

A public Meeting ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~held~~ ~~Thursday~~ ~~May~~ ~~March~~ ~~18th~~ ~~2011~~
 from 5.30 - 7.00 pm. at Pleasant Ridge
 General Baptist Church in Ida, on Hwy
 25. We are requesting your presence
 if its possible

We have collected over ³⁵³ ~~200~~ signatures protesting this
 Proposal.

The public meeting has already been, we were very
 disturbed by what the speaker - Patti Robinson -
 presented, you need to send people out that can talk
 to the community - that did not happen here, with
 that 9/11.

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Phone

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Larry Reel Ida
B. D. [unclear] Ida

Betty Kunkel Ida

W. H. Neuge Drasco

John M. Stal

Raymond Sartin

Chas. [unclear]

Norm [unclear]

[unclear] Ida

Jarvis Kunkel IDA

Barbara Janson Mtn View

Kyle [unclear] 5134 Dry Mtn Rd
Drasco, Ar 72530

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William Butler P.O.

Rick Lawson B.

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Natasha Barger 89 B

Donna Effer 25255

Signed
here where ~~James & Vicki B.~~

Nelson Long

Lola M. Ladd

Pale Southern

Melinda Lawrence

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Terry Castleberry	4		
ANGEL Wilson	994		
Daniel Bower			
Donnie Bower			
Dolores Ashbery			
Sharon Adco			
Terry Moss			
Carolyn Mosier			
Adria Bailey			
Roy Bailey			
Evelyn Pierce			
Koselle Bailey			

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Carl Wilson	990		2/27/11
Don Henry	35		22
Leah Webb			5833
John W. Mott			
Marty Russell	106		
Bruce Sutherland			
Terry Gudley			
Mark Bogan			22-11
Daniel Bryan	699Cai		
Jack Fletcher	44		
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Adam Hartley	P		

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PAMELA Holcomb	Ida, Ark. 72546		
Linda McClain			1
Charles McClain			1
Paul Hartwick			3
Ruth Hartwick			3
Nolan Cannon			1
Barlene Cannon			13-71
Kathleen Altem			
Doreen Altem			
Falk Land			
Shelia Canard			107
Edith Dore			546

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Marilyn Pae

George Davis

Cecil Robertson

Lois G. Robertson 383

Debbie Neighbors

Patricia Hackley

Carrie Hooten 49

Mike Hooten 49

Quelyn Southland

James Southland 11

Janet Carroll 99 Lac

Roy Carroll 99 Lac

Shirley Southland

Wilfred Southland

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<u>Phillip Bragg</u>			
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<u>Jeremy Heigle</u>	<u>10</u>		
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<u>Sharon Foster</u>	<u>35</u>		
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<u>Linda Russell</u>			<u>1-23-11</u>
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<u>Eugene Long</u>			
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<u>Sharon Lawrence</u>			<u>1-23-11</u>
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<u>David Jones</u>			
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<u>Cassandra</u>			<u>1-1</u>
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<u>Melvin Farris</u>			<u>2-3-11</u>
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<u>Jack Bluff</u>			<u>50</u>
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Jennifer Byrd 10

Jim Lacy 0

Russel Helton 500

Daryl J. Biddle

Madeline Byrd

Anna Thacker

Jason Boay PO

Brian O'Kelley 1

Kathleen Phillips

Todd Maples

James Southerland

Austin Sany

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Ron Armstrong

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<u>DONALD SOUTHERLAND</u>			
<u>ROBERT Pollock</u>			
<u>TRODY STAIR</u>			
<u>Geraldine Allen</u>			
<u>Judy Beer</u>			
<u>Diane Guess</u>			
<u>Jeanette Richards</u>			
<u>Darrell Hunter 2</u>			43 1/2
<u>Ann Johnson 26</u>			
<u>Courtney Cornell</u>			9/20/25
<u>Benny Cullum</u>			20

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Laura D. Higgy	7		
Shirley D. Smith	3		
Don Smith	374		
Todd Smith	101		
Connie Sartain	15		
Lois Rickman			30
Betty D. Smith			46
Jeanie Johnson			
Larry Johnson			
Brandi J. Rae			46
Brian R. Sum			46
Elisae L. Back			46

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<u>Walt Fuleh</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>2-26-11</u>
<u>Kathy Fuleh</u>	<u>14</u>		<u>26/11</u>
<u>Jim Fuleh</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>32 2-26-11</u>
<u>Samantha Fuleh</u>			<u>7487</u>
<u>Elmer Red</u>			<u>an</u>
<u>Samantha R Snook</u>			<u>R</u>
<u>Harold M Snook</u>			<u>AR</u>
<u>Kathy White</u>			<u>UR</u>
<u>Danely Wn</u>			<u>AR</u>
<u>E Morgan Bu</u>			
<u>George E Bu</u>			
<u>Eddie W Bu</u>			

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<u>Chloe Martin</u>			7/26/11
<u>Willa Murphree</u>	5		8/26/11
<u>Brandy Galtzly</u>	8		2/27/11
<u>Joe Helton</u>	5		2/26/11
<u>Bruce Shearer</u>	427		2/26/11
<u>James Dazay</u>	62		2/26/11
<u>Edwin Shedd</u>			2/26/11
<u>Tonya Williams</u>			3/24
<u>Gary S. Mosconi</u>	3665		
<u>Jason Greene</u>	18		
<u>Laurance H. Hays</u>			
<u>Joe Stark</u>			8/1

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<u>Travis Lawrence</u>	<u>14</u>		<u>2-27-11</u>
<u>Kenneth Stein</u>	<u>P</u>		<u>1</u>
<u>Erleene Fletcher</u>			<u>12/11</u>
<u>Allen Lamb</u>	<u>P.</u>		<u>17/11</u>
<u>Sara Rackley</u>			<u>12-27-11</u>
<u>Barbara Greene</u>			<u>7-6706 22111</u>
<u>Kevin Willis</u>			<u>27-11</u>
<u>Keith Goshin</u>			<u>11</u>
<u>DeeAnna Condit</u>			
<u>Melina Aotom</u>			
<u>Jerry Pierce</u>	<u>60</u>		<u>7-11</u>

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Trinity Maples			1-11
Becky Maples			1-11
Larry Johnson			
Lee Packley			559 /
Ames Johnson Cleveland			'8
Jeani Johnson			526030
Carol Brink			89-1901
Marvin Dau			6151582
DON ELSLANDER			3-2-11
BRIAN SHIPLEY			/
Nicole Partain			/
Josh Miller			1-2-11
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<u>Willard Phillips</u>			17 3/3/11
<u>Betty Phillips</u>			3/3/11
<u>James Chatter</u>			18 3/3/11
<u>Michelle R B</u>			6289
<u>David Vinson</u>			840
<u>Michael Dedard</u>			0812
<u>Allen Warner</u>			01-362-5143
<u>Cassandrafer</u>			2183 3/5/11
<u>Larry Harker</u>			14 3/5/11
<u>Charles H. H.</u>			2
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<u>Mina Dartin</u>	3		72530
<u>Noel E Dartin</u>	3		10
<u>Sammy Sittler</u>	3		0
<u>Linda Reed</u>	3		2530
<u>Thelma Deekard</u>			10
<u>Karl Martin</u>	24		30
<u>Rebecca Martin</u>	244		530
<u>Bill Newman</u>			10/25/30
<u>Wanda Newman</u>			
<u>Justin Newm</u>			
<u>Christy Newm</u>			
<u>Michelle Taylor</u>			
<u>Christian T</u>			

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<u>James Fletcher</u>	<u>4489</u>		3-6-11
<u>Aaron Fletcher</u>	<u>4489</u>		11
<u>Linda Fletcher</u>	<u>F</u>		3-7-11
<u>S.P. Schmitt</u>	<u>M.D. 9</u>		3/2/11
<u>Thelma Hopkins</u>	<u>106</u>		2/23/11
<u>David Maples</u>	<u>247</u>		19
<u>Ed Sartini</u>	<u>21</u>		530
<u>Olivia McGrenie</u>	<u>1</u>		2530
<u>Jasmine Korkel</u>			2546
<u>Brittany Daria</u>	<u>K</u>		546
<u>Anna Nicole</u>	<u>K</u>		546
<u>Robert Korkel</u>			546

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Marsha Perry	Ida		//
Jeri Perry	Ida		
Kallen Lacy	59		
Heidi Lacy	P.O. 5		
Kaleb Lacy	59		
Ed Lacy	41		2-8089 3/10/11
Marsha Lacy	410		-10-11
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Jean Conklin
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John Ed Hendricks 502

Marcus Creasy 370

J. Baggett, Jr. 82

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Charlene Hendricks

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Lori Cam	69		
Vernon Alton	P.O.		
Nita Alton			3-1-11
James Miller			
Johnny Drennon			3-1-11
Mary Hyman			2530
Mary Stair	70		
Jane Howell	5		1

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<u>Susan Presley</u>			1/20/11
<u>James R. Presley</u>			
<u>Vickie L. Brooke</u>			2/26/11
<u>Jimmy D. Brooks</u>			2/26/11
<u>Shelma Roberts</u>			2/26/11
<u>James Roberts</u>			2/26/11
<u>Gerald Brockley</u>			803 2-26-11
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Rachel Moore	4		
Wayne Moore	412		3/47
Freddie Ogle	P.O.		77
Rhonda Ogle	P.O.		77
Lara Gilpin	495		3/677
Sarah Scoggins	149		

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Ly Ray	"		
Kristen Taylor	122		22-11
Ben H. Young			
Mike Kephart	103		22-11
Charles Johnson			22-11
ERIC KENNER	39		46 2-22-21
Sonny Kennedy	122		832
Douglass	8		25-11
James Sumner			2-25-11
Anita Maples	152		

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